EXHIBIT "I"

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Re: Milton K. Kaopua, Supv. Firefighter (Capt.) SSN: 575-50-0532

Request for Advanced Sick Leave, and Application for Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Pursuant to COMNAVREGHIINST 12000.1C CH-3, [Paragraph 7.f. Advancing Sick Leave] page 403-9, Mr. Kaopua requests thirty (30) days of advanced sick leave retroactive to his last day of paid leave. A supporting medical statement is attached. Mr. Kaopua is not contemplating retirement or resignation. Additional advanced sick leave may be requested pending action on his OWCP claim and his request for leave transfer.

Mr. Kaopua also submits his form OPM 630 [fkn as OF-630, see, COMNAVREG HIINST 12000.1C CH3 Exhibit 1, page 406-10], requesting to become a leave recipient under the voluntary leave transfer program.

Mr. Kaopua has designated this firm as his representative for this and related matters and, given the severe nature of his current condition and medications and his doctors'joint prescriptions for rest and absence from the work site, we request any questions regarding these matters be addressed to us and that we be copied with any official correspondence to Mr. Kaopua or his physicians.

Most sincerely yours, SMITH HIMMELMANN

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Encls: Medical Statement, OPM 630, Designation of Representative

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original follows by mail/delivery

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